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Report from Ponce—Quarantine transactions—Vital statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, December 19, through the chief quarantine officer, as follows:

During the week ended December 19, 1903, 4 vessels were inspected and 5 bills of health were issued. Three vessels inspected were passed and 1 was held under guard.

The vessel in quarantine was the German steamship *Hispania*, arrived from Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, and Carupano. No passengers; no cargo for Ponce. Took cargo in quarantine under guard.

Nothing of interest has occurred in the sanitary condition of this city and district.

Vital statistics of the city of Ponce during the month of November, 1903.

Diseases of:	Diseases of—Continued.
Digestive system	28
Nervous system	4
Circulatory system	4
Respiratory system	9
Malarial fever	33
Carbuncle	1
Tuberculosis	9
Hydrocephalus	1
Anæmia, inanition	15
Nephritis	3
Old age	3
Cystitis, chronic	1
Puerperal fever	3
Metritis	2
Accidents	
	Diphtheria
	Malarial fever, pernicious
	Cirrhosis of liver
	Cancer
	Congenital malformation and convulsions
	Total
	November, 1903:
	Deaths
	Births
	November, 1902:
	Deaths
	Births

TURKEY.*Regulations adopted with regard to pilgrims from the Hedjaz.***OTTOMAN EMPIRE.**

[Translated in this Bureau from the Bulletin Quarantenaire, Alexandria, December 3 and 10, 1903.]

Disinfection of pilgrims and passengers and of their effects.—Pilgrims and passengers shall take a spray bath or sea bath immediately on disembarking at Camaran while their clothing and soiled linen are undergoing stove disinfection.

As soon as they are disposed in the camps they shall be required to expose to air and sun for the period of one entire day all the articles composing their baggage. This shall be done by the pilgrims or passengers themselves. The camp physician shall ascertain by personal inspection that this has been done, and he shall give the pilgrims and passengers to understand that this operation is indispensable to assure them free pratique and the quarantine term.

For the details of the process of disinfection, reference shall be made to the publication entitled "General Instructions in Disinfection Applicable at the Quarantine Stations of the Ottoman Empire, Drawn up by the Superior Council of Health at its Session of June 27, 1899."

Measurement of pilgrim vessels.

The deck need not be measured, for as laid down in the regulations, article 18, it shall be reserved exclusively, day and night, for the use of the crew, and gratuitously for the use of the pilgrims and passengers between decks.

To measure the space between decks in order to determine the number of pilgrims who can be embarked under the regulations and to insure the space being at least 6 feet English, or 1 meter 92 centimeters in height, the following method is adopted: